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CHINA MAIL OFFICE

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HONGKONG, SATURDAY, MAY 26, 1894.

Price, \$2 PER MONTH.

Shipping.

Steamers.

DOUGLAS STEAMSHIP COMPANY,
LIMITED.

FOR SWATOW, AMOY AND
TAIWANCO.

The "OCEAN LINER"

Captain Bremner, will be
despatched for the above
Ports TO-MORROW, the 27th Instant, at
Daylight.

For Freight or Passage, apply to

DOUGLAS LIPSTEIN & CO.,
General Managers.

Hongkong, May 26, 1894.

ODAY STEAMSHIP COMPANY.

FOR LONDON PIA SURE OCEAN
LINER.

The "OCEAN LINER"

Captain LAMSON, will be
despatched for the above
TUESDAY, the 29th Instant, at Daylight.

For Freight or Passage, apply to

BUTTERFIELD & SWINE,

Agents.

Hongkong, May 17, 1894.

INDO-CHINA STEAM NAVIGATION
COMPANY, LIMITED.

FOR SINGAPORE, PENANG AND
CALCUTTA.

The Co.'s Steamship

"WISDOM," Capt. A. D. COOK,
will be despatched as

above on TUESDAY, the 29th Instant, at
Noon.

For Freight or Passage, apply to

JARDINE, MATHERSON & CO.,
General Managers.

Hongkong, May 21, 1894.

CHINA NAVIGATION COMPANY,
LIMITED.

FOR THIBETAN.

The Steamship

"KIRIATH," Captain OUTERMERE,
will be despatched as

above on WEDNESDAY, the 30th Instant.

For Freight or Passage, apply to

BUTTERFIELD & SWINE,

Agents.

Hongkong, May 24, 1894.

SHELL LINE OF STEAMERS.

FOR LONDON AND HAMBURG.

ROTTERDAM, LIVERPOOL AND
NEW YORK.

The Co.'s Steamship

"EUPLECTA," Capt. BARRY, will be
despatched as above on

or about the 8th Proximo.

For Freight, apply to

ARNHOLD, KARBERG & CO.,
Agents.

Hongkong, May 23, 1894.

Sailing Vessels.

FOR NEW YORK.

The S/S "L.I. Amor, Barque

Adam W. Spies,

Mexico, Master, will load here

for the above Port, and will

have quick despatch.

For Freight, apply to

SHEWAN & CO.

Hongkong, April 17, 1894.

FOR NEW YORK.

The S/S "L.I. Amor, Barque

Edward May,

McGILL, Master, will load

here for the above Port, and

will have quick despatch.

For Freight, apply to

SHEWAN & CO.

Hongkong, March 17, 1894.

FOR SAN FRANCISCO.

The 100 A. L. British Ship

William, Master, will load

here for the above Port, and

will have quick despatch.

For Freight, apply to

SHEWAN & CO.

Hongkong, May 12, 1894.

Mails.

NORTHERN PACIFIC STEAMSHIP
AND RAILROAD COMPANIES.

PROPOSED SAILINGS FROM HONGKONG.

(SUBJECT TO ALTERATION.)

Sunday.....Tuesday May 23.

Tuesday.....Tuesday June 17.

Tuesday.....Tuesday July 11.

Tuesday.....Tuesday August 7.

Tuesday.....Tuesday August 24.

THE Steamship "SIEK," Captain J.

Rowley, sailing on

TUESDAY, the 29th May, will proceed

to VICTORIA, K.O., and thence to

SHANGHAI, INLAND SEA, KOREA, and

YOKOHAMA.

Through Bills of Lading issued to Japan, Pacific Coast Points, and to Canada and United States Points.

Coupled Invoices of Goods for United

States Points should be in quadruplicate,

and one copy must be sent forward by the

Steamer to the port of the Voyage.

No Consignment will be accepted unless

the address marked in full by P.M. on the

day previous to the Voyage.

For further instructions as to Freight or

Freight apply to

DODWELL, GARNILL & CO., Agents.

Hongkong, May 9, 1894.

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TO WITH A LARGE AC-
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CHINA MAIL OFFICE

AGENTS FOR THE CHINA MAIL.

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THE CHINA MAIL.

SATURDAY, MAY 26, 1894.

Mails.

NORDDEUTSCHER LLOYD.

NOTICE.

STEAM FOR
SINGAPORE, COLOMBO, ADEN,
SUEZ, PORT SAID,
NAPLES, GENOA,
ANTWERP, BREMEN & HAMBURG,
PORTS IN THE LEVANT, BLACK
SEA & BALTO POETS;

ALSO,

LONDON, NEW YORK, BOSTON,
BALTIMORE, NEW ORLEANS,
GALVESTON & SOUTH AMERICAN
PORTS.

THE COMPANY'S STAMPS WILL CALL
AT SOUTHAMPTON TO LAND PASSENGERS
AND LOUAGIE.

N.B.—Lugage can be taken on through Bills
of Lading for the principal places in
RUSSIA.

ON MONDAY, the 28th day of May,
1894, at 3 p.m., the Company's
S.S. PREUSSEN, Captain HOERNIG,
with MAIIS, PASSENGERS, SPECIE,
and CARGO, will leave this port as above,
calling at NAPLES and GENOA.

Shipping Orders will be granted till
noon, on Saturday, the 26th instant.
Cargo and Specie will be received on
board until noon on Monday, the 28th
instant, and parcels will be received at the
Agent's Office, until noon on Saturday,
the 27th inst. Contents of Packages are
required. No Parcel Receipts will be
issued, at less than \$2, and Parcels should
not exceed Two Feet Cubic in measure-

ment. The Steamer has splendid Accommodation
and carries a Doctor and stewardess.
Linen can be washed on board.
For further Particulars, apply to
MELOHES & Co.,
Agents.

Hongkong, May 5, 1894. 792

NOTICE.

COMPAGNIE DES MESSAGERIES
MARITIMES.

PAQUEBOYS POSTE FRANCAISE.

STEAM FOR
SAIGON, SINGAPORE, BATAVIA,
COLOMBO, PONDICHERY,
MADRAS, CALCUTTA, ADEN, SUEZ,
PORT SAID,

MEDITERRANEAN AND
BLACK SEA PORTS, ALEXANDRIA,

MARSEILLLES, LONDON,
HAVRE AND BORDEAUX:

ALSO

PORTS OF BRAZIL AND LA PLATA.

ON WEDNESDAY, the 30th May,
1894, at noon, the Company's
S.S. NATAL, Commandant VIZZONI,
with MAIIS, PASSENGERS, SPECIE,
and CARGO, will leave this Port for the
above places.

Cargo and Specie will be received, and ac-
cepted in transit through Marseilles for the
principal places of Europe.

Shipping Orders will be granted till
noon.

Cargo will be received on board until 4
p.m., Specie and Parcels until 3 p.m. on
the 29th May, 1894. (Parcels are not
to be sent on board; they must be left at
the Agency's Office.)

Contents and value of Packages are re-
quired.

For further particulars, apply at the
Company's Office.

G. DE CHAMPEAUX,

Agent.

Hongkong, May 17, 1894. 871

Occidental & Oriental Steam- ship Company.

TAKING CARGO AND PASSENGERS
TO JAPAN, THE UNITED
STATES, MEXICO, CENTRAL AND
SOUTH AMERICA, AND EUROPE,
VIA
THE OVERLAND RAILWAYS,
AND
ATLANTIC & OTHER CONNECTING
STEAMERS.

VIA INLAND SEA OF JAPAN AND
HONOLULU.

PROPOSED SAILINGS FROM HONGKONG.

Oceanic (via Nagasaki, Kobe, Inland Sea
and Yokohama) ... Tuesday, June 12,
at 1 p.m.

Asia (via Nagasaki, Kobe, Inland Sea
and Yokohama) ... Tuesday, July 3,
at 1 p.m.

Borneo (via Nagasaki, Kobe, Inland Sea
and Yokohama) ... Wednesday, Aug. 1,
at 1 p.m.

The Steamship GANGES, Captain G.
W. ATKINSON, carrying Her Majesty's
Mails, will be despatched from this for
LONDON via BOMBAY, on THURSDAY,
the 7th June, at noon, taking Passengers
and Cargo for the above Ports.

All Valuables, all Cargo for France,
and Tea for London (under arrangement)

will be transhipped at Colombo into a
steamer proceeding direct to Marseilles and
London; other Cargo for London, &c., will
be conveyed via Bombay without tranship-
ment.

Parcels will be received at this Office
until 4 p.m. on the day before sailing. The
contents and value of all packages are
required.

Shippers are particularly requested to
note the terms and conditions of the
Company's Bills of Lading.

For further Particulars, apply to
H. H. JOSEPH,
Superintendent.

P. & O. S. N. Co.'s Office,

Hongkong, May 24, 1894. 914

Not Responsible for Debts.

Neither the Captain, the Agents, nor
Owners will be Responsible for
any Debt contracted by the Officers or
Crew of the following Vessels, during
their stay in Hongkong Harbors:

A. G. Ross, American ship, Capt. D. H.
Riviere—Jardine, Matheson & Co.

I. Scherf, American ship, Capt. Charles
E. Kendall—Reuter Brothers & Co.

Neptunian, British steamer, Capt. T.
T. Ward—Jardine, Matheson & Co.

S. M. American ship, Captain A. E.
Work—Jardine, Matheson & Co.

Mails.

U. S. Mail Line.

PACIFIC MAIL STEAMSHIP
COMPANY.

VIA INLAND SEA OF JAPAN AND
HONOLULU.

PROPOSED SAILINGS FROM HONGKONG.

Peru (via Nagasaki, Kobe, Inland Sea
and Yokohama) ... Saturday, June 2,
at daylight.

City of Rio de Janeiro
(via Nagasaki, Kobe, Inland Sea
and Honshu) ... Wednesday, June 6,
at 1 p.m.

City of Peking (via
Nagasaki, Kobe, Inland Sea
and Yokohama) ... Wednesday, July 1,
at 1 p.m.

GYMKHANA NOTICE

THE U. S. Mail Steamship PERU

will be despatched for SAN
FRANCISCO, via NAGASAKI, KOBE,
INLAND SEA, and YOKOHAMA, on
SATURDAY, the 2nd June, at daylight.

Trade with Victoria is invited to attend.

Any information respecting the Products
which may be desired will be supplied by
me.

S. H. ROWE,
Official Representative of the
Government of Victoria.

VICTORIA HOTEL,
26th May, 1894. 923

To-day's Advertisements.

PRODUCTS OF VICTORIA,
AUSTRALIA.

SAMPLES of the above will be on View
at Room No. 10, VICTORIA HOTEL,
on MONDAY AND TUESDAY, the 28th
and 29th Instant; from 2 p.m. to 5 p.m.
each Day.

All interested in the Development of
Trade with Victoria are invited to attend.

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SATURDAY, the 2nd June, at daylight.

Passengers and Freight for Japan, the
United States, and Europe.

Steamers of this line pass through the

INLAND SEA OF JAPAN, and call at
HONOLULU, and passengers are allowed to
break their journey at any point en route.

GENTLEMEN interested in promoting these
are requested to attend.

A. H. THOMAS, Capt.,
Hon. Secretary.

Hongkong, May 26, 1894. 922

ZETTLAND LODGE

No. 525.

REGULAR MEETING of the above
LODGE will be held in the FEER
MASSONS' HALL, Zetland Street, on
FRIDAY, the 1st June, from 9 p.m. to 9
precisely. VISITING BRETHREN are
cordially INVITED.

Hongkong, May 26, 1894. 918

DOUGLAS STEAMSHIP COMPANY,
LIMITED.

FOR SWATOW, AMOY AND TAMSU.

The Co.'s Steamship

Fokien, Captain DAVIS, will be
despatched for the above

Ports on TUESDAY, the 29th Instant, at
noon.

For Freight or Passage, apply to
DOUGLAS LAPRAK & CO.,
General Managers.

Hongkong, May 26, 1894. 919

FOR SHANGHAI.

The Steamship

Ningpo, Captain T. LEHMANN, will be
despatched for the above Port on TUESDAY,
the 29th Inst., at 4 p.m.

For Freight or Passage, apply to
SIEMESSEN & CO.,

Hongkong, May 26, 1894. 920

NA VIGAZIONE GENERALE
ITALIANA (FLORIO & ROBBATINO UNITED COMPANIES.)

STEAM FOR

SINGAPORE, PENANG & CALA
Having connection with Company's Mail
Steamers to ADEN, SUEZ, PORT SAID,
MESSINA, NAPLES, (LEGHORN),
GENOA, all MEDITERRANEAN,
ADRIATIC, LEVANTINE and SOUTHERN
AFRICAN PORTS, up to CAIRO. Taking Cango
at through rates to PERSIAN GULF
and BADGAD.

The Steamship

Bisagno, C. BARBARINO, Master, will be
despatched as above

on SATURDAY, the 2nd June, at noon.

At BOMBAY the Steamers are discharging
in Victoria Dock.

For further Particulars regarding Freight
and Passage, apply to

CARLOWITZ & CO.,
Agents.

Hongkong, May 26, 1894. 925

FOR NEW YORK.

The 100 A. I. British Ship

Bisden Hill, shortly expected from SHANGHAI,

will load for the above
Port, and will have quick despatch.

For Freight, apply to

Dakin, Cruickshank &
Company, Ltd.

DAKIN'S SALINE.

A Pleasant and safe sparient. Useful
for sea-sickness, biliousness, slight
epilepsy, &c. on the skin, headache, &c.

DAKIN'S EUCALEPTUS OIL.

On the handkerchief will relieve it
like MAGIC. Per bottle, 50 Cents and One
Dollar.

DAKIN'S QUININE AND IRON TONIC

give health, strength and energy. Invaluable
in TIRED and LANGLAND FEEBLENESS. Per
bottle, 50 Cents and One Dollar.

Dakin, Cruickshank & Co.,
LTD.

VICTORIA DISPENSARY,
HONGKONG. 831

SHIPPING.

ARRIVALS.

May 24:

Saltder, German steamer, 1,692
Gross Tons, from Hamburg, May 19, General—Siemers
& Co.

Sion, British steamer, 992 J. F. Morris,
Bengal, May 12, Rice and Timber—Bradley & Co.

Per Preussen, Brigadier, 1,021 J. W.
H. Watson, Bangkok, May 13—Yung Far Bont.

May 25:

Yung Ping, Chinese steamer, from Canton.

Hauschou, British steamer, 1,604 J. C.
Lincoln, Shanghai, May 23, General—C. M. B. N. Co.

Thales, British steamer, 920 H. Bathurst,
Hongkong, May 24, 1894. 915

Vessels Advertised as Loading.

Dates, Vessel, Agents, Date of Loading.

Norddeutscher Lloyd.

Ancona (s.), P. & O. S. N. Co.,
London, May 29, daylight.

London, V. Siez Canal (Ulysses e.),
Arnold, Koenig & Co., May 29, about 11 a.m.

THE CHINA MAIL.

H.M.S. *Lion* leaves for Yokohama on the 5th proximo.

A sacrifice will be held on Tuesday next in the Billiard Room at the Officers' Mess, Murray Barracks, to discuss the question of amateur gymkhana.

The U.S.A. Co.'s steamer *Panhandle* left Shanghai on the morning of the 24th inst., and may be expected here on or about the afternoon of the 26th inst.

The O. & O. n. s. Ocean, with mail-service San Francisco to the 8th instant, has arrived at Yokohama, and will leave for the port-of-morrow morning, the 27th instant.

To-morrow morning, between 9 and 10.30 o'clock, the steam-launch *Dawnay*, carrying the British flag, will call alongside any vessel holding code-penman C., to convey men ashore to 11 a.m. service at St. Peter's (St. Paul's) Church, returning about 12.30.

On Monday and Tuesday next, from 2 p.m. to 5 p.m., an exhibition of the products of Victoria (Australia) will be given in Room No. 10 Victoria Hotel. All interested in the development of trade with Victoria are invited to attend. Mr. S. H. Rowe, official Representative of the Government of Victoria, will give any information regarding the products.

For stabbing a seaman named William Innes, another seaman, named John Lee, was sent to prison for three months by Mr. H. E. Wodehouse this morning. The man had quarreled in a boarding house in East Street, and adjourned to the street to fight out their differences. Innes was stabbed in the back during the fight, and had to stay in Hospital for a fortnight.

The second annual carbine competition of the Hongkong Volunteer Corps was held at the Police Range, Kowloon, this afternoon. There were twelve events, for which a large number of entries were received. The arrangements for the competition were carried out by a Special Committee consisting of Lieut. Chapman and Battery-Sergt-Major Duncan (Field Battery) and Lieut. Adamson and Gunner Davies (Maxim Gun Corps). Lieut-Colonel Jorgard, Acting Commandant, was umpire.

'The Lady of Lyons' was played by the Potter-Bell Company to a fairly good house on Thursday night. In the character of Pauline and Claude Melnotte, Mrs. Potter and Mr. Bell furnished their audience with a highly-finished illustration of good acting. Opinions may differ as to Mrs. Potter's special capacity for the more intense parts to be found in the drama of the new French School, wherein declamation and dramatic power after the 'Divine Sarah' model are required. Be this as it may, the *Pauline* of Mrs. Potter is an impersonation which would be appreciated by admirers of the more wholesome English school of drama; and it was admired and applauded on Thursday night in a manner which left no doubt as to the success of the fair artist. Mrs. Potter's rendering was all the more effective, in our estimation, because it was marked throughout with quiet, subdued but dignified self-possession. She excelled herself in the scene of her humiliation, and took the house by storm in the last act of reconciliation. Mr. Bell's *Claude* was everything that could be wished—a perfect representation and an admirably balanced conception of a character which is sometimes apt to be overdone. He was not too melodramatic and his acting in the last scene was really excellent. The other parts were well filled—Miss Sallie Booth taking the part of Madame Deschelles, and Mrs. Orton, that of the *Wife*. *Melnotte*, Mr. Farmer appeared as Colonel Dumas, and Mr. Brady showed in the small part of Gaspard that he has the power to elicit hearty applause in other branches of the art than that of low comedy.—The Company made their farewell appearance in 'The School for Scandal' this evening, when a number of amateurs will assist.

The total number of spindles now used in the cotton-mills throughout Japan is said to be about 720,000. The *Jin Shampoo* expresses an opinion that if all the spindles be fully worked the supply will greatly surpass the demand, unless new export fields be opened up.

A Russian telegram from St. Petersburg says that two Russian gentlemen, named Dolose and Lundberg, left there on 16th ult. on bicycles for Erythrakum with the intention of riding across Europe to Naples and back. The ride is undertaken under the auspices of the Moscow Cycling Club.

The late Lord Tweedmouth's personal estate of £500,000, which includes a large interest in Messrs. G. & C. brewery, has been charged with £200,000 for profits and costs of liquidation. If Mr. F. T. Parker's scheme of early graduation of death duties is to be adopted, the amount of the estate, and the difference, would have been 15 per cent. on the amount of the estate, and the dates levied would have been 1875-86. The difference in this instance would have been more than £50,000.

The *Yukio Nippo* declares that an Osaka joint-stock Company, the Shouangang carrying on business at shipping-agents since last September, has been engaged in a series of extensive frauds upon the Chinese. It employed three ex-members of the *Qing* dynasty, and while they remained, and the company was in its infancy, it is alleged of officials in the Chinese Government, who had been granted free to *Yukio Nippo* by steamers of the Osaka Steamship Kaitaku. The manager is said to be connected with the Superintendent of the Sanitary Board it was, so we are informed, no infringement of the former restrictive regulation as regards the former.

What are we drinking? is always one of the most interesting questions answered in the Budget. It appears from Sir W. Harcourt's statement that while less tea was legal quelling some to have caused the military officers from going house-to-house visits. It is evident, one of the primary duties of the sanitary officers that of detecting epidemics is one of the most important. The matter, however, we are given to understand, been brought before the Sanitary Board, but the heavy of legality having been raised the house-to-house visits were stopped. Whether the matter has or has not occupied the attention of the Board in the past, it is pretty certain to receive some attention in the immediate future; and it will then be interesting to watch what attitude the individual members will assume on a subject so materially affecting the public health. It is more likely that the existing plague is due to the accumulated dirt in the Chinese houses and the drains of private houses than to the presence of noxious gas in the public sewers. But there are many who set down the disease against the evil-smelling drains and storm-water drains; and to these persons it does seem odd that the Sanitary Board should refuse to give any opinion on the Colonial Secretary's proposal to fulfil the public service of the water. The proposal to do so was first made by a correspondent through our columns, and paragraphs have, from time to time, been published relative to the successful flushing of drains in French towns by sea water. The members of the Sanitary Board—some of them—do not show much leniency or hesitancy in condemning the present drainage system, and there are times when they seem to consider that they have a good deal of important truths to enunciate. But when it comes to supporting a proposal, made apparently in good faith, for taking a step to obviate the nuisance of badly-smelling drains, the members of the Board—some of them—become exceedingly fussy and discriminating in what appertains to Sanitary Board duties. The Colonial Secretary was, in the opinion of some residents, quite entitled to his views when he ventured to express the opinion that he thought the Sanitary Board had something to do with public health. In all probability the plague would have broken out even though the public sewers had been flushed with sea water several weeks ago and continually flushed with sea water during the construction of the drainage; but there, at least, what sporting man would, in their peculiar physiology, call an off-chance? that the flushing would have tended to mitigate the disease.

The most slight opposition is being shown to the police and others engaged in the house-to-house visitation. At the request of the Captain Superintendent of Police (Mr. F. H. May), six doctors from the Tung Wah Hospital accompany the six parties who visit the houses, so that the Chinese can have no reason now why they had none before—for supplying people suffering from disease other than bubonic plague will be taken to the Hospital.

One touching incident in connection with the plague has been brought to our notice. A week ago a young girl, suffering from plague, was found in a house in Kat Oueang Street by Sergeant Mclver. This officer had considerable difficulty in persuading the girl's relatives to allow him to remove the girl to the Hospital. He failed to perform his duty, however, but he sympathised with the poor parents, and took the child near the piano. She then asked Mclver to sing, but he declined, saying he could not sing like Taiti, and then, having sufficient of the relatives, Her Majesty then reminded him of the representations of the Consul at Whampoa Castle, and added that she was delighted to be at Florence, and encumbered with the beauty of the scenery.

THE PLAGUE IN HONGKONG.

Although the daily statistics do not indicate much decrease in the number of persons attacked by the plague, the Sanitary authorities entertain the belief that they have now got a grip of the disease, as Mr. Franks was.

In the situation at Thursday's meeting of the Sanitary Board. While there is no relaxation of vigilance on the part of the authorities, it has been found possible to reduce the hours of labour of the men engaged in house-to-house visitation. At the commencement of this special work some of the police officers, who have had to bear the brunt of the work, were on duty from ten to fifteen hours a day, a fact which it is to be hoped will not be overlooked when the 'official awards of honour' take place in connection with the suppression of the plague. It has now been possible to reduce their working hours to six hours a day—three hours in the forenoon and three in the afternoon. The soldiers are heartily sick of the share they have to take in the house-to-house visitation, and it may be possible to dispense in a few days with their services, which have been most valuable to the civil authorities at this unfortunate juncture.

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Chung Ching, a young married woman, was charged before Captain Hastings at the Magistrate this morning with failing to pay a rate of plague. Private Thomas Silliman, 1st. Shropshire Light Infantry, stated that on the 24th inst. he visited a dwelling-house at 22 Station Street, and found the body of a man. The only person in the room at the time was the defendant. Constable Angus Macaulay, who saw the body, said the deceased must have died from plague, and the doctors of the *Wing Yip* Hospital were of the same opinion. The defendant was haled before Sergeant Hastings, who had occasion to re-visit the street—of the worst of plague cases—during the day, and was overwhelmed with thanks—not only by the girl herself, but her mother and friends, all of whom are loud in their praise of the skill of the foreign doctors and of the kindness of the nurses and others associated with them in the care of the sick. Instances like this are required to counteract the propaganda of the opponents of Western science.

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